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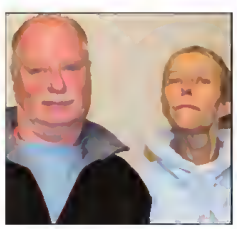

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Maxwell's season finale at Shaw

Artistic director Jackie Maxwell is leaving the Shaw Festival after 14 years.

JOHN LAW
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Jackie Maxwell apologizes as she arrives a few minutes late, carrying what's left of her lunch. She's fighting a cold while juggling a jam-packed schedule and seems relieved just to sit down.

I remind her it's her final season as artistic director here. She can do whatever she wants.

"Exactly," she says with a smile. "Until then I will merrily fly the flag, as they say."

The long goodbye has begun for Maxwell. Her replacement has already been chosen (British-born Tim Carroll). Preview performances are underway. As Maxwell talks, a matinee show of Alice in Wonderland in the Festival Theatre echoes down the halls — the biggest production of her final season. In addition to her regular duties she's being asked to list her 10 favourite plays, her fondest memories, her thoughts as her 14-year run comes to an end.

The one thing she quickly dismisses, though, is the 'R' word. Retirement. Turning 60 this year, Maxwell is leaving the Shaw Festival but she's hardly leaving theatre.

"The thing is, I am a director — that's what it says on my passport," she says. "I've always tried to maintain a freelance career through this. That's what's nice, I've got offers in various places now. It's a bit of 'Hold your nose and jump.'

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"I don't think theatre people retire. I think you just keel over in the corner of the theatre somewhere and they kind of carry you out."

Maxwell's 14 years as artistic director is second only to Christopher Newton, who left after 22 seasons. Carroll will be just the third person to hold the job since 1980, compared to nine at the Stratford Festival in that time. It's a testament to the relative lack of turbulence here, and the family atmosphere the Shaw holds dear. There have been rough seasons — many of them under Maxwell's watch — though there's always a rebound. A comeback.

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But it comes at a cost. And after 14 years, Maxwell has paid in full.

"I could have gone on, but I've always believed you should leave a position when you still feel really good about it," she says.

So why walk away now?

"Because it's huge. You're choosing plays, you're choosing creative teams, you're building pieces, directing yourself. There's a huge amount of responsibility. I mean, this is a big organization. It's an almost $30-million organization."

The non-theatre concerns are vast. Bridge issues. The loonie. Highway construction. All things that can make or break a season. Last season, one of Shaw's greatest ever in terms of quality and critical reaction, lost $1.7 million because of things like the PanAm Games in Toronto and the resurgent Toronto Blue Jays.

Then there's the maternal side of the job, watching over upwards of 75 actors she feels responsible for.

"I have meetings with every member of the company, telling them if I have something for them and if I don't," she says. "That takes an emotional toll, because I take it seriously.

"In that sense, I thought ... this (time) is good. Fourteen years."

In 2003, Belfast-born Maxwell was the newbie replacing a local fixture. Newton took over a struggling Shaw Festival and made it one of the most respected theatre companies in the world, in turn creating massive tourist dollars for Niagara-on-the-Lake. But he handed over the keys just as Shaw was about to hit its darkest days.

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2016 Shaw Festival preview

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Benedict Campbell stars in Our Town, which opens the Shaw Festival season May 12.

JOHN LAW
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A look at what's in store this season at the Shaw Festival:

Festival Theatre

Alice in wonderland - May 14 to Oct. 16

Peter Hinton, the Shaw's go-to director for big shows, created this new adaptation specifically for the company. Comes with 19 original songs, a huge cast, and pretty much the fate of this season's box office. Stars Guy Bannerman, Moya O'Connell, Ben Sanders and Jennifer Phipps as the Cheshire Cat.

A woman of no importance - June 25 to Oct. 15

With this, the Shaw has now done all four Oscar Wilde plays during Jackie Maxwell's 14-year run as artistic director. Eda Holmes directs this funny, probing look at high society gossip. Shaw's last crack at Wilde was the huge hit *Lady Windermere's Fan* in 2013. Stars Wade Bogert-O'Brien, Claire Jullien and Fiona Byrne.

Sweeney Todd - July 30 to Oct. 16

Expect buckets of blood for this darkly comic musical about a 'demon barber' terrorizing London in 1846. This one isn't for the kiddies. Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheimn, directed by Jackie Maxwell. Stars Benedict Campbell as Todd, along with Jeff Irving, Patty Jamieson and Kyle Blair.

Maxwell directing bucket list plays for final season

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After 9/11, U.S. patronage dropped drastically. And when Maxwell took over in 2003, the floodgates opened — SARS, new passport requirements, the Iraq War, and more.

"That first year, I'll never forget," she says. "If locusts had appeared, I wouldn't in the slightest bit be surprised."

There was also subtle pressure being the company's first female artistic director.

"Somebody said to me, 'Well, you've got to be careful you don't tip the balance.' I said, 'As far as I'm concerned, that balance has been so tipped, for so long, there's nothing I can do in whatever time I have.' But for the most part there's been a lot of buy-in.

"I mean, the notion of women running institutions and running major places is very big to me. And I see myself as a mentor to a lot of younger women in the theatre."

Maxwell immediately went to work establishing a larger female presence at the Shaw. More original works. More Canadian playwrights. More risks and diversity. Major George Bernard Shaw pieces usually performed in the large Festival Theatre went to the Royal George or Court House theatres. The new, 200-seat Studio Theatre opened to host modern classics such as Suzan-Lori Parks' *Topdog / Underdog* in 2011 and Top Stoppard's *Arcadia* in 2013. She commissioned new versions of old plays. This year, for the first time in Shaw's history, a brand new piece — Peter Hinton's new adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland* — will premiere at the Festival Theatre.

For her final season, Maxwell will direct two shows that have long been on her bucket list — the grim musical *Sweeney Todd* and Anton Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*.

After the season ends in October, her final duty for the Shaw will be summing up the season at the annual general meeting in January.

After that, she has vacations to take. New shows to direct, including one in D.C. She may be back directing at Shaw, but not next season, out of respect for Carroll. It's the same courtesy Newton extended to her during her first season.

She'll be selling her Niagara-on-the-Lake home, leaving behind the small town in which her daughters, now 26 and 24, spent their formative years. But still, the finality doesn't faze her. She is completely at peace closing the Shaw chapter of her life.

She won't miss the burdens. She'll miss the people she shared them with.

"But also that thing of having an idea and actually making it happen," she adds. "That will, clearly, not be the same.

"I think I brought the Shaw into the 21st century, programming-wise, and now it's a case of going 'What is that next step?' It's a case of programming and how we operate, I think, she said, merrily skipping out the door!"

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Streetscape near waterfront to be preserved

SUZANNE MASON
Special to the Advance

An application to subdivide an estate lot and build a house across the street from Queen's Royal Park along the waterfront in Niagara-on-the-Lake failed to get approval Monday.

The property, located at 117 Regent St. at the corner of Front St. in the Old Town, contains a historic house that would remain if the severance application were approved.

At a public meeting Monday, the property owner Grant Hawes was represented by a lawyer and planner who requested that the zoning bylaw be amended to create two lots.

Lawyer Tom Richardson said Hawes bought the estate lot a year ago with the intention to subdivide the property to build a new house for him and his wife closer to the lake.

Planner John Ariens argued that the town's official plan allows for estate lots to be severed and the new house would be "absolutely compatible" with the streetscape in the area. He also said the new house would "co-exist in harmony with" the heritage home on the property.

"There is absolutely no justification in cutting up more of our heritage landscape... that could lead to further damages and losses of more valued heritage properties," said Gracia Janes, president of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Conservancy.

"It is unfortunate that this proposal has come forward just now, when the town staff and the public are in the midst of the final stages of (discussing) the new official plan," she said.

Janes said the new plan is the culmination of over 30 years of efforts to protect estate lots and other large lots from subdivision, damage and loss.

Paul Shepherd, who spoke on behalf of the Niagara Foundation and as a neighbour, called the existing house "very charming" and said "there is particular feel that must be preserved".

Planning staff did not support a proposed zoning bylaw amendment to sever the lot in a report to the community and development advisory committee. They reported that the application is not consistent with town planning policies.

"The proposal would result in the loss of an estate lot and the development of a lot that is incompatible with the existing Front St. N. streetscape," they concluded.

Several councillors spoke of the need to preserve estate lots and Coun. Terry Flynn also noted that the property is not located in an area where the town is looking at intensifying the density.

He agreed with Janes about the timing of the application with a new official plan in progress and added "I appreciate the openness and uniqueness of the area" where the property is located.

The committee voted in favour of the staff recommendation to reject the application. It will go to council next week for a final decision.

Lord Mayor Pat Darte, Fire Chief Alex Burbidge and councillors Betty Disero and Martin Mazza raised an Ice Dogs flag at town hall last week to encourage the Niagara hockey team in its Ontario Hockey Leauge championship series against the London Knights. The Ice Dogs needed a win Wednesday to bring the series home this Friday.

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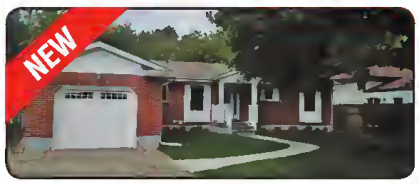

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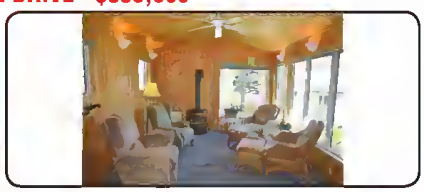

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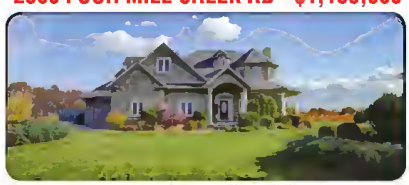

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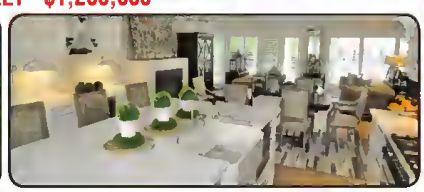

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Point of View

Public deserves to know truth

Somewhere, tucked away in the silence and the banal denials, the truth about what exactly finished Kim Craitor's career as an MPP for the Niagara riding, including Niagara-on-the-Lake, lays waiting.

There are those, including Craitor and Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, who know what happened.

But they are not talking.

Oh, sure, they have spoken about it, but only in the vaguest details.

Wynne says sexual harassment allegations against Craitor were serious enough that she asked him to resign his post.

Craitor says the allegations are unfounded and he was forced to quit to protect the premier. He also said the complainants were paid, by the Liberal party, to keep quiet.

(For its part, the Liberal party says no one was paid for their silence. Any payments that may have been made, they said, would have been severance.)

But the full truth the public is entitled to remains obscured in the fog.

Craitor, obviously, is living under a cloud of unanswered questions that threaten his legacy and political future.

So far, he has declined to discuss the particulars of the allegations or his plans, including if he still intends to run for mayor of Niagara Falls.

He has indicated he will not attend tonight's Niagara Falls city council meeting, where he sits as a councillor, due to health problems.

His silence on the issue only makes matters worse.

As an MPP, Craitor was a public servant answerable to us, the citizens. Therefore, the nature of the allegations should be disclosed publicly.

The premier should not be able to duck behind closed doors to demand an elected representative resign.

Certainly, an MPP could be removed from the party ranks, but from their elected seat?

No. That is not the purview of the premier's office.

Why Craitor would agree to resigning when he insists he is innocent is somewhat puzzling.

Craitor never played the role of the loyal Liberal soldier. It was not uncommon for him to take public positions against his party's policies. During his final provincial election campaign, he ran without using the Liberal name or party logo, establishing himself as an independent within the Liberal fold.

So why would this party outsider elect to do the Liberals' bidding on this case?

Craitor made no mention of the allegations when he quit. At the time he cited "mental exhaustion" as the reason and many presumed he faced a serious health issue. After all, he had recently beaten cancer.

Local journalists, including myself, heard rumours of sexual misconduct allegations shortly after Craitor's resignation, but no one could get close enough to the story to publish it.

Now we know those rumours had merit, but we don't know why Craitor would bow to them if they aren't true.

Was it out of party loyalty? Was it to preserve his reputation that he could make an eventual run for Niagara Falls mayor?

And what, pray tell, did the premier need protecting from?

She was not part of whatever incident eventually resulted in a complaint against Craitor. Was her office afraid of a scandal? Maybe so. But the possible misbehaviour of a backbencher with little influence would hardly topple Wynne's government.

In fact, the Liberals have carried more serious scandals around for three election cycles now, and have yet to lose at the ballot box. They would have probably gained by dealing with the truth openly when it happened.

It's not even clear who made the complaint.

Former Craitor executive assistant Michelle Tavano told The Niagara Falls Review she disputes Craitor's assertion the complaints are unfounded.

However, she would not say who made the complaints and that she is bound by a non-disclosure agreement.

We have a lot of smoke, but no sign yet of the fire.

This is manifestly unacceptable and it is up to the premier and to Craitor to clear the fog away from the facts and be open and honest with the voting public.

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Letters to the Editor

REACTION TO CYCLIST'S COMPLAINT

I am both a dog owner and bicyclist and am incredulous that The Advance last week would have given full page sensationalist coverage to one anonymous individual's over-the-top rant against the hordes of apparently slavering, aggressive hounds that she alone says she encounters when riding her bicycle on walking paths near the Common and along the Niagara River Parkway. As Dr. Seuss famously said, "I like nonsense; it wakes up the brain cells." I would suggest that dogs have more to fear from this wide-eyed trigger-happy citronella-spraying police-alerting vigilante than she has to fear from the dogs she seems to attract on her rides. "It feels like a war out there." Please!

After reading this "story", the next day I was on the Common with our dog. I was half expecting to see packs of growling angry beasts hauling cyclists off their bikes and standing over their prey, cans of watered-down pepper spray held within their saliva-dripping jaws, baying at their owners for recognition of their conquest, Niagara Regional Police and Parks Canada officials circling for the kill. Of course all I saw was the usual assortment of owners and dogs, the later running joyously off-leash in one of the very few local areas they can do so.

Josh Billings, arguably the second most famous humourist in the second half of the 19th century after Mark Twain, once wrote "In the whole history of the world there is but one thing that money cannot buy...to wit--the wag of a dog's tail." I would suggest that it will be a frosty day on the walking paths before this cyclist would be deserving of a wagging tail.

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Jean, we'll miss you, and you have big gardening boots to fill

When I first moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake, helpful citizens told me I must read The Advance if I were to know what was going on, where to find this and that and where the sales were.

So I began to read The Advance before I recycled it.

Very quickly I began looking forward to receiving my Thursday copy because of a columnist named Jean Cochrane. I've had a long interest in gardening, and Jean's warm, amusing and helpful articles helped me adjust to this new place. Gardening is similar everywhere but the Niagara region was just different enough for her weekly advice to steer me in the right direction. Even my husband, the non-gardener, began to read her column, too. And suddenly he started asking me questions about what I was doing in our garden, occasionally asking if I had learned that from Jean.

Many months after this, I joined the NOTL Horticultural Society, and at one of these meetings I saw Jean for the first time. I knew she was an eminence grise as there was such a flurry of activity around her. Then I heard her lovely soft Scottish brogue, and after that, I could always hear it when I read her articles. I began to realize that not only did Jean write her column but she had had a long involvement with all things horticultural in this town. My husband soon joined the Horticultural Society too, because, well, that's where he could meet Jean.

Jean has been a moving force in this town for many years. Before her garden writing, she owned a shop on Queen Street called The Gingham Patch which sold Canadian goods and crafts from Newfoundland, Ontario, across the country to Haida crafts from B.C. Over the years she has been involved in promoting many of the town's traditions, such as the Candlelight Strolls before Christmas. She and Sheila Hirsch-Kalm and others began the Daffodil plantings with the first one in front of the hospital and several years later ended with the major planting in front of the community centre. The masses of daffodils you see every year in Queenston, St. David's, Virgil and Niagara on the Lake are a delight every spring. She was also involved in running Grandma's Attic, every summer during the Strawberry Festival, and was part of the original Communities in Bloom committees when NOTL won the title of Prettiest Town for the first time.

I've only had the pleasure of four years of Jean's columns, but they have acquainted me with environmental issues of the area, reminders of when to begin pruning, setting out my annuals or feeding the birds.

Unfortunately for all of us, Jean's eyesight is now very poor and it is impossible for her to continue with her column, but it will be a very long time before there is a comparable replacement. Well, actually, she is irreplaceable so the gardening column will be different. If the next person has her commitment, humour and good sense, she or he'll be fine, but it will be intimidating to have to fill sucb big gardening boots. Jean, we'll miss you, but will look for you walking your wee doggie.

Jean would tell you it is time to be adding your triple mix or mulch, preparing your beds and visiting the local garden centres to create the best garden you've ever had (well, at least until next year).

Don't forget for civic-minded gardeners, there will be plenty of deals at the Hort Society's annual plant sale, this Saturday, May 14, at the Virgil Arena. Hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Marla Percy is the president of the NOTL Horticultural Society.

Letters to the Editor

ALL WHO USE PATHS SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS

It is difficult to accept the unfortunate experiences described by cyclist, Lynn Atkins, in NOTL which in my experience is a neighbourhood populated by people who are polite, respectful and friendly.

My husband and I regularly walk the Niagara Blvd path along the river. We are so happy to live in a community with such beauty and opportunity for active living. The walking/bike path must be shared. Yet, I am aware of a dog walker who regularly walks his three dogs off leash, on or near to the path who doesn't pick up after his pets. I have seen this same dog owner practise these behaviours on several occasions. I haven't known how to constructively speak to this man and have thus far avoided a confrontation. I admire Lynn's determination. I can only hope your article was read by those who regularly use the path to walk, bike or dog walk who will in future be mindful to share the path with respect for all users.

MELANIE MORRIS

ADVOCATING COMMON SENSE

Boy, a double page spread on loose dogs and vigilante cyclists. As a keen cyclist, I love it. I have a couple of good road bikes and am a member of a bicycling club plus I conduct bicycle winery tours. So a keen and knowledgeable bike rider. I cross the Commons frequently and also pass by MacFalrland House, often with my bicycle riding clients. I have never encountered loose and nuisance dogs at the latter place. But yes, the Commons can be an issue. Dog walkers leave their dogs off leash, occasionally (actually rarely) they stray in the pathway, and I've never been confronted by an aggressive dog.

Owners do not respect that the paths are dual use for bicyclists too, often congregate in a group completely blocking the right of way, rarely respond to a bell which, really isn't much use anyway, because even at a slow speed there's insufficient time for their reaction. So, discretion being the batter part of common sense, and keeping a healthy live and let live perspective, I ride around the blockage.

I am puzzled by how the bicyclist has time to assess the 'threat' and unleash her spray defence.

So, my advice is when you're on two wheels come to terms with the fact there's a lot of folk who are more often unfocused or not paying appropriate attention than intentionally inconsiderate and ride around the offending animals whatever their genus.

Please, please don't do a 'post office' and take arbitrary and unreasonable action because of the complaints of one person. In case you don't know, one person complained about dogs in the post office and now they are banned.

But, one of my bicycling peeves is other cyclists I am about to pass who are impervious to my ringing my bell due to wearing earphones. After this article, I am not inspired to attach a paint gun to a handlebar swivel mount and unleash a salvo as I pass the offender. Any color suggestions?

MARTIN HARVEY

SHAME ON THOSE WHO CUT TULIPS IN PARKETTE

Members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society have been fixing up the parkette at William and Nassau Streets, as we were given 700 tulip bulbs from the Dutch Canadian Tulip Festival to honour the 70th year of Holland's liberation from the Nazis by Canadian troops in the Second World War. We have been working hard to spruce up the park for this celebration on May 12. Unfortunately someone has been to the park and cut some of the flowers. For shame. I hope the perpetrators read this paper and feel a little remorse for ruining something that was meant for all.

The mindset of those who damage property with graffiti, or cut flowers in public places is the same. These are not protests, they are acts by self-centred individuals who have no understanding of what freedom means. It does not mean destruction of someone else's or public property.

MARLA PERCY
PRESIDENT, NOTL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Find It In The Classifieds

Town supports park and pedal program

SUZANNE MASON
Special to the Advance

A new initiative to encourage visitors to Niagara-on-the-Lake to park their vehicles away from the downtown area and tour on bicycle has received preliminary approval from the town.

"This is a real good news story," said Coun. Jim Collard Monday, because it will not only relieve parking pressures in the core, but also promote active transportation.

The park and pedal program is modelled after a similar one in Calgary used by commuters. So far, 11 sites in Niagara-on-the-Lake, including some of the wineries, have committed to designating up to 10 per cent of their parking lot for the new program.

The program is expected to cost the town about $9,750 for signs at the host locations and marketing materials. Locations would be included on a town map in the NOTL Chamber of Commerce's visitor guide and also on Niagara Region's scenic bicycle routes and the Greater Niagara Circle Route.

Although the program was not in the 2016 budget, staff reported to the operations advisory committee there is sufficient funding in the parking reserve to cover the start-up costs. Staff predicted that the program costs would be less than $6,000 annually in the future.

"I really hope there is an ongoing commitment to cycling infrastructure," said Coun. Jamie King.

He said more bicycle lanes would benefit local residents and migrant workers in addition to tourists.

The committee's recommendation goes to council next week for final approval. If it is implemented, licence agreements would be signed with the host sites for an initial program term up to Nov.1.

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Keeping Our Community Connected

Niagara-on-the-Lake Transit will begin its summer service on Monday, May 16, 2016. Current transit service on the "Old-Town Glendale" line will be split into two bus routes, with a transfer point at the Community Centre (14 Anderson Lane). The "Heritage-Old Town" route will make two circuits per hour within Old Town and connect with the "Old Town-Glendale" route hourly at the Community Centre.

Connections to St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and other Regional Transit routes are available Monday through Saturday at the *Outlet Collection at Niagara* via Niagara Region Transit Route 50/55. Please visit the Niagara Regional Transit website at www.niagararegion.ca/transit for route and schedule information.

Connections to St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland are available Monday to Friday at Niagara College Glendale via the Student Administrative Council (NCSAC) bus service. Please visit the NCSAC website at www.ncsac.ca/summer-transit-schedules for reduced summer service information.

The WEGO Niagara-on-the-Lake Shuttle also provides service along the Niagara Parkway between Niagara Falls and Fort George from May 2 until October 25. WEGO fares, routes and schedules are available at www.wegoniagarafalls.com/routes (click the "Niagara-on-the-Lake Shuttle" heading).

Please see the summer schedule and map for details. Additional inquiries can be directed to transit@notl.org or 905-468-3266.

Heritage-Old Town
(Mon-Sat except holidays)

OUTBOUND			INBOUND		
Leave Community Centre	Court House 1	Arrive Fort George	Leave Fort George	Court House 2	Arrive Community Centre
–	–	–	–	7:37 AM	7:46
7:49 AM	7:58	–	–	8:07 AM	8:18
8:19 AM	8:28	–	–	8:37 AM	8:46
and every 30 minutes until			and every 30 minutes until		
9:49 AM	9:58	10:03	10:03 AM	10:07	10:18
10:19 AM	10:28	10:33	10:33 AM	10:37	10:46
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5:49 PM	5:58	6:03	6:03 PM	6:07	6:18

Old Town-Glendale
(Mon-Sat except holidays)

OUTBOUND				INBOUND			
Leave Community Centre	Elden & Penner	Outlet Collection at Niagara	Arrive Niag. College Glendale	Leave Niag. College Glendale	Elden & Penner	Arrive Community Centre	Arrive Court House *last trip only
7:49 AM	7:56	8:11	8:17	8:19 AM	8:35	8:42	–
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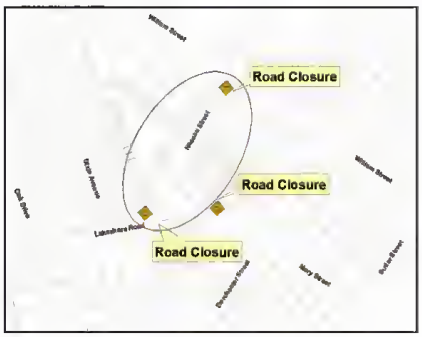
* Times highlighted in red connect with a free transfer at the NOTL Community Centre (14 Anderson Lane)

ROAD CLOSURE – NASSAU STREET



The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will be replacing the existing water main on Nassau Street between William Street and Lakeshore Road. The work is scheduled from May 16 through to June 24, 2016 (weather permitting).

The section of road will be closed to all through traffic during the duration of the project. There may be times when access is granted at the discretion of the contractor. (Please see above sketch.)

A detour route will be provided around the site for traffic. This closure is necessary to facilitate the installation of the water main replacement and minor road resurfacing.

Emergency services have limited access to the road during this closure.

Any inquiries concerning this project may be directed to Rob Andrea, Engineering Technologist, at 905-468-3278.

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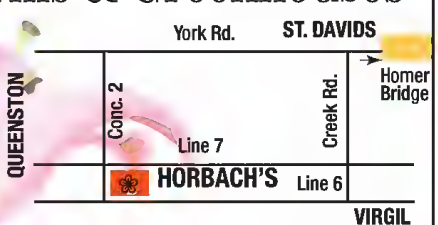

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June 8th to 12th

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8m/o	9m/e	10e	11m/e	12m

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July 20th to 24th

Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
20m/o	21m/e	22e	23m/e	24m

Comedy by ROBIN HAWDON

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Polish president pays respects at NOTL cemetery

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

It's just a tiny, meticulously maintained cemetery in Niagara-on-the-Lake, but it represents a significant event in the history of Poland.

So significant Poland's president Andrzej Duda and First Lady Agata Kornhauser-Duda, on a three-day trip to Canada, visited Niagara-on-the-Lake Monday to lay a wreath at the General Haller cemetery.

It's located in a fenced-off corner of the St. Vincent De Paul churchyard, where 25 of the 20,000 Polish-American soldiers who trained in NOTL to fight for an independent Polish army in the First World War are buried.

While they were in Niagara, billeted in tents, barns, barracks and homes around town, an epidemic of influenza broke out and took the lives of the small number of soldiers, before they could be sent to France to join General Jozef Haller's Polish Army.

Each year, on the second Sunday in June, local Poles march from downtown NOTL to the cemetery plots, commemorating the spirit of the soldiers who died here in 1917, and the liberation of their motherland, and thanking Canadians for hosting and caring for the soldiers while they were on Canadian soil.

The members of local Polish organizations are getting older, but there are always lots of young people and children at the very moving service, says Lord Mayor Pat Darte - the history of the cemetery is passed dwon through generations.

Darte spoke briefly to President Duda before the laying of a wreath in the cemetery, at a service attended by more than 500 Polish people. "He said thank you for hosting this, and for all the work we put into it," said Darte.

"I invited him to come back. This is their sacred ground, and you can see how popular a president he is. For him to come to NOTL is a big honour for us."

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A Polish soldier, dressed in the uniform of 1917, lays a wreath in the Polish cemetery in Niagara-on-the-Lake on behalf of Poland's President Andrzej Duda, who walked behind with his military attache beside him. The president spoke briefly with Lord Mayor Pat Darte as he arrived at the cemetery, on Byron Street in NOTL.

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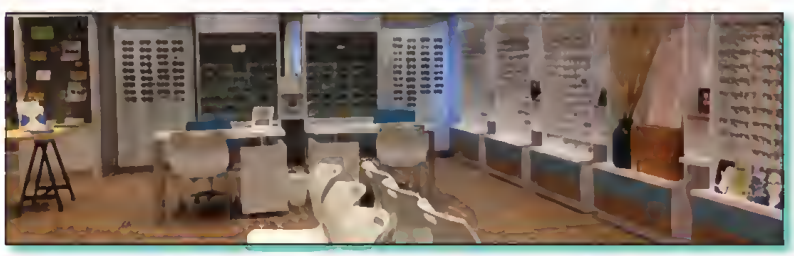

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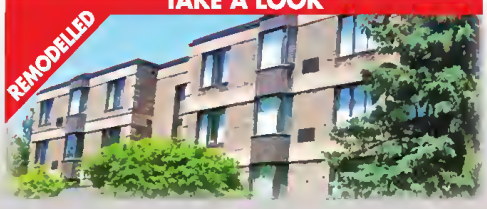

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Polish Sunday expected to be bigger than ever

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Barb Hamasni made the trip from St. Catharines to see her Polish president.

She said she learned of the ceremony when her sister called from Poland to say their president would be making an appearance in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"This is a big event for the president. We're very much in favour of him, and his trip to NOTL is big news in Poland."

Zofia Soja, the president of the Canadian Polish Congress in Niagara, was also greeted by the president. It was her group that organized the event, and she later travelled to Toronto to spend the rest of the day with the Polish community welcoming him.

Soja says this June's Polish Sunday will be bigger than ever following Monday's event - the president said he would be sending some of his ministers from Poland to attend the service in NOTL. And the 2017 ceremony will be even bigger, she promised - she is already arranging the 100th anniversary commemoration of the Polish soldiers in Niagara.

Darte said he always enjoys the Polish Sunday service, to be held on June 12 this year.

"It's a very moving ceremony. Polish people truly respect their heritage. They know when they've lost something, and they know to hang on to what they have," he said, referring to their troubled history.

The only person to speak during the service Monday was Pastor Antoni Degutis from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Catharines, who blessed the cemetery and the people of Poland.

Before arriving in NOTL, the president had laid a wreath at the Katyn Memorial in Toronto, commemorating Polish officers murdered by Stalin's NKVD police, and from NOTL went to Mississauga to visit with representatives of the Polish community. He was scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, members of a Canadian-Polish group and Canadian soldiers who have served in Poland later this week.

PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

Lord Mayor Pat Darte stopped to chat after the ceremony at the Polish cemetery in NOTL Monday with Maria Klodnicki and her granddaughter Julia Saville from St. Catharines, members, Darte said, of his second family.

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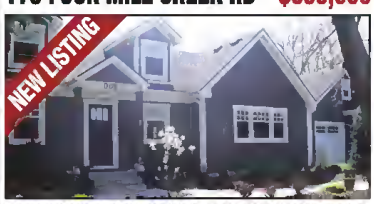

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Niagara cops deal with hazy pot law perceptions

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As the federal government works on rolling out its new marijuana laws, police officers are dealing with a hazy perception of current drug regulations by using a wide range of discretion, Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire said.

The ruling Liberals recently announced — on the pot-users unofficial holiday of 4/20 of all dates — they will introduce legislation to legalize marijuana in Canada in spring 2017.

As it stands, it is legal to purchase and consume marijuana with a prescription, but it remains illegal and a criminal offense to do so without the proper paperwork.

McGuire said an example he often cites is two adults sitting in Montebello Park. One is drinking beer. One is smoking a joint.

"Right now, what is going to happen is the guy drinking the beer is going to get a $150 Liquor Licensing Act ticket," McGuire said during his monthly web broadcast show Chat with the Chief. "The other guy will either have to grind his joint into the ground or have it seized for evidence with no charge laid. Or we have to start an entire criminal case.

"The officers have to weigh all the facts, such as if the person is a continuous offender, or if it is a bunch of school kids," McGuire said. "All those things come into play."

The unspoken reality, however, is those small drug possession charges clog the court system, use up precious police resources and could leave someone with a life-altering criminal record.

There is also a significant difference between decriminalizing marijuana and legalizing it.

In some countries, pot is illegal but decriminalized. What that means is you won't face criminal charges if police catch you with small amounts of it.

Legalization, as the Liberals have indicated they intend to pursue, means smoking pot will be allowed but heavily regulated by the government, much the same as alcohol is.

The government will also have to deal with who can produce marijuana and sell it for consumer use.

For the police and pot, it will be a wait and see proposition until they have the new regulations in hand.

"This is going to take a long time," McGuire said. "Even if the federal government hits their target of bringing in legislation, it will have to be debated and get through the house and that whole process. It will be a couple of years before the legalization gets here, in my view.

"If people feel they are in the right, we end up in an education process, and the officers will use the same discretion they have used over the years. If the person says I don't care, the laws are going to change, and I will use it now, they will be facing charges."

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Crusoe the Celebrity Dachshund visits NOTL

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Laurence Dionne and Ryan Beauchesne visited NOTL with Crusoe, to talk about tick and flee prevention.

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All 12 pounds of him.

Crusoe the Celebrity Dachshund's current objective is to use his fame to raise awareness about ticks and fleas, although when he stopped for photos at Queen's Royal Park in Niagara-on-the-Lake, after being cooped up in a car ride from Toronto, he seemed pretty much like any other dog - he was having trouble focusing on his role as "official spokesperson" for his No Bite is Right campaign, distracted by the need to sniff every tree in the park.

The job of the little brown and black miniature dachshund on his cross-country tour will be educating pet owners about the importance of visiting their vet, and the preventive protection against flea and tick bites.

His "parents," Ryan Beauchesne and Laurence Dionne, are traveling with him - they are the managers and promoters of Crusoe's career, Beauchesne having turned it into a full-time job.

Sponsored by Bayer, which makes several kinds of products to protect dogs from tick and flea bits, the awareness campaign was the result of an idea Beauchesne had when he discovered a tick on Crusoe during a daily massage, and became concerned.

"It was scary," he said. "That's why we're advocating for prevention."

Ticks are a growing concern across Canada, says Dionne, and prevention is the best way to eliminate the danger of the harmful diseases they can cause.

But they are not advocating any particular treatment, she said - they just want dog owners to talk to their veterinarians, become educated about the choices and make their own decisions.

Crusoe, now six, became a celebrity when he was just a year old, Dionne says.

At that time, they were living in Montreal - they are now based in Ottawa - and dressing Crusoe up to go outside in winter was essential.

He enjoyed the attention, he was adorable, Beauchesne turned dress-up time into a game the puppy loved, and began taking photos and videos and posting them on Facebook. That was quickly followed by a blog that is written from Crusoe's perspective. But the real step "from puppydom to stardom," that was beyond anyone's expectations, was the phone call that came from a New York publisher, and the resulting book that Crusoe authored - the stories are told in his voice, so to speak - called The Adventures of The Wiener Dog Extraordinaire – Crusoe the Celebrity Dachshund.

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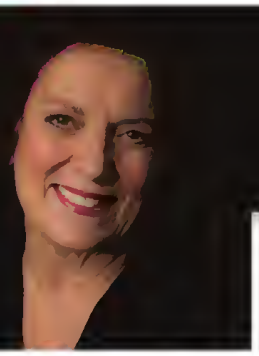

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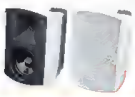

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Local couple seeks help from MPP

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They felt they'd done everything right. They bought a house in NOTL 12 years ago that is now more than half paid for, they have insurance, RRSPs, and up to about six months ago, were both still working, with jobs that gave them benefits in case anything happened to either of them.

Then, within a short time, they both became sick and unable to work, and they discovered the reality of what they thought was protected.

Dorothy, 62, worked for MB Foods for many years in the deli section, and when it was sold 12 years ago, she went to McDonalds.

Those who remember seeing her at the local restaurant know she developed tremors. Up until December, McDonalds management did its best to accommodate Dorothy, letting her work at the jobs where she was most comfortable. But the tremors have grown steadily worse, and she finally had to take a leave of absence, too weak to work.

Although she had her first brain scan in 2012, and a second in late 2015, it wasn't until a medical appointment in London last week that she was told she had had a stroke years ago, and that was what was likely causing the tremors.

There is a medication that might help with the tremors, said her husband Duane, but other than that, there is no treatment.

In the meantime, she continues to get benefits, and hopes to go back to work, but isn't sure at the moment that will happen - always a small person, she has become quite frail, down to less than 100 pounds.

Her husband Duane, 50, is a heavy-duty mechanic. He had open heart surgery early this year - he discovered he had a bicuspid aortic valve that needed to be replaced.

That was on Jan. 22, and he hasn't been back to work since - although the surgery was successful, his heart rate never returned to what it should be, and he was diagnosed with a left bundle branch blockage - a cardiac abnormality which causes problems with heart rhythm.

He's not sure what will be done to fix it - a pacemaker is one possibility - but in the meantime, he can't work either. He is finally about to receive some disability pay, but the cap on it means it is nothing near what he was earning while working.

When the couple purchased their house with a Scotia Bank mortgage, they were sold mortgage insurance from Canada Life that included death or critical illness. They understood that to mean if they were sick and unable to work, the insurance would cover mortgage payments. They have paid almost $60,000 for insurance over the 12 years since they bought their house, Duane estimates.

However, to their surprise, they learned there is a list of illnesses that would be covered by their insurance, such as blocked arteries that require bypass surgery, but Duane's heart problems are not covered.

"If we're not able to go back to work, how do we pay our mortgage?" he asks.

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"And why have we been paying for insurance that we find is no use to us? We thought when we bought it it would cover any illness that prevented us from working, not just a list of specific problems that we didn't know about."

A representative from Canada Life said he couldn't talk about their policy because of privacy issues, but a letter from the insurance company to Duane said they would "provide a benefit if you are diagnosed with a specific health crisis." This would include a heart attack, stroke or cancer, the letter said, but not a valve replacement.

They have gone to their MPP Wayne Gates for help, and his office has been trying to find some relief for them.

Gates, who had the same valve transplant that Duane had, understands it's a serious issue, and that Duane can't return to work. He has asked his staff to put into motion an appeal to the insurance company, and Gates said he'd phone the bank himself.

"Their insurance wasn't what they thought they had," he said. "He can't go back to work - that's the issue. But the fine print is working against him."

It's a complicated case and the solution is not an easy one, he said. "Sometimes we just can't help, but a lot of times we can."

Gates says it is "mind-boggling" to him that Duane's surgery would not be considered a critical illness.

"It's bad enough that you've already had heart surgery, and you have stress in your life, and then you find out at the end of the day you're not covered. I remember what that surgery felt like - nobody with a fair mind should say that it isn't covered."

He feels the mortgage specialist at the bank has a responsibility to look out for the best interest of the client, and explain the coverage better.

The bigger issue, he said, is to ensure clients are fully informed and educated about their insurance when it's sold to them, and that it's not vague, as it seems to be in the case of the Hustenowichs.

That will be an issue for the ministry of finance, he said, and he will be pressing the question. His office is also checking with a wing of the ministry that oversees the resolution process when there is an insurance complaint.

To Duane and Dorothy, the issue is that they bought their mortgage insurance thinking that it covered any health situation that meant they couldn't work, and now, their bank, who offered them a temporary solution by delaying their mortgage payment, is suggesting they should sell their house or cash in retirement savings.

"Why should I have to do that when I've been paying for insurance all these years?" said Duane. "I thought I had done everything right, eerything I needed to do. How is this right?"

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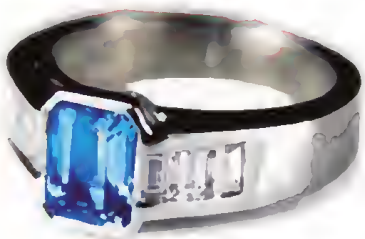

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One of the first things Dina Mavridis and her future husband Rob Burke had in common was a love of children's author Robert Munsch.

While they were running a theatre camp for Big Brothers Big Sisters years ago, Munsch's name kept coming up. "We said, 'One day we're going to put something together with Munsch,'" she recalls.

The couple now runs Something-Something Productions out of Corks Winebar & Eatery, staging a long, successful run of The Rocky Horror Show and The Vagina Monologues last summer.

They then formed the offshoot non-profit company Playhouse Theatre to work more with kids, which is where Munsch comes in.

The Paper Bag Princess and Other Short Stories combines seven Robert Munsch tales into one hour-long show. Four actors rely on audience participation to bring stories like Mud Puddle and Angela's Airplane to life on stage.

WHAT: The Paper Bag Princess and Other Short Stories
WHERE: Corks Playhouse Theatre; 19 Queen Street; Niagara-on-the-Lake
WHEN: May 14, 21 & 28; 1 and 3 p.m.
TICKETS: $15, or $55 for a family four-pass. www.playhousetheatregroup.ca

"The kids are really involved in this, through different sounds and different suggestions," she says. "It's very creative."

(The stories) are condensed and then they're connected. It's not the full story of each...it's short but sweet."

Born in Pittsburgh, Munsch moved to Canada in 1975 to teach at the University of Guelph and work at the preschool. It was here he was inspired to write children's stories, starting with Mud Puddle in 1979.

In 1986 he published Love You Forever, about the relationship between a troubled boy and his mother. It went on to sell nearly seven million copies, and was listed fourth in Publishers Weekly's 2001 list of all-time bestselling children's books.

In 1999 he was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

Funds for the show go towards Playhouse Theatre's programs for children. It stars Ann Marie B. Zammit, Connie Stanclik, Katlyn Jarrett and Tresa Rees.

"I chose (all) women," says Mavridis, who directs the show. "Not that they're easier to work with or whatever. I'm on this kick where I want to keep kids confident and give them a boost, especially young girls.

"I don't know why, when I was a kid I always saw men on stage."

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Hymn sing to honour Rev. Barb McGale

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is hosting a hymn sing festival Saturday, in memory of their minister, Rev. Barb McGale, who died Feb. 13 after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

It will be an evening of old and contemporary psalms as well as hymns and spiritual songs the church has sung for centuries.

Joining the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church choir will be the Cantata Singers of St. Catharines and a brass ensemble, all accompanied by organ and directed by St. Andrew's musical director Gerzinus. E. Hoekstra.

One of McGale's favourite outreach programs was the Community Breakfast program at St. George's Church in St. Catharines and a free-will offering will be taken for that organization in her memory, says Carole Felton, the church secretary.

"Unfortunately it was a tough battle Barb fought and once diagnosed in July her goal was to preach on Christmas Day. She preached every Sunday up until and including Christmas so the congregation watched as she grew weaker and frailer," said Felton.

"Although it was difficult it did make the grieving easier for us since we know how much she had been suffering. She is definitely missed though, since she was so involved in every aspect of the church."

The presbytery has appointed Rev. Ken MacQuarrie, minister of St. Andrew's in Thorold, as the church looks for a new minister.

The hymn sing festival is at St. Andrew's Church on Simcoe Street, Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Barb McGale of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church died of cancer Feb. 13. A hymn sing will be held in her memory at the church Saturday.

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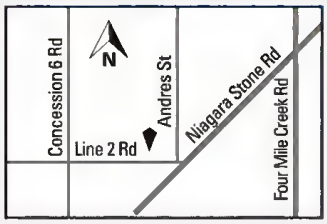

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Helena Copeland, Paulette Peggs, Susan Stecyk and Dorie Barratt get ready for the annual Queenston Residents Association plant and garden sale Saturday. Donations of anything garden-related will be accepted at the Queenston Library Friday, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Queenston garden sale Saturday

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

The Queenston Residents Association will be holding its annual Plant and Garden Sale Saturday.

It will feature perennials and other plants, garden books, furnishings and other unique items.

It's a fundraiser for the village, says QRA member Jane Calver, for whatever financial needs come along.

It will be held this Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Queenston Library.

Coffee and muffins will be served.

Any donations for the sale of garden-related items can be dropped off at the Queenston Library Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Money that has been raised at past events has helped lay a wreath for Remembrance Day; launched a Journal of John Norton reprint to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812; purchased the plaque art St. Saviour's regarding the historic relationship between St. Peter Port andQueenston; funded ongoing legal battles to preserve the integrity of the village against the jet boats; paid half the cost of the new public address system at the library; and helped pay for a defribillator for the village.

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Hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities: Week 4 of death and dying series

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Another pioneer in the continuing saga of how we manage the elderly was Keren Brown Wilson. In the 1980s she re-imagined the nursing home as an 'assisted living' facility by changing the culture from the traditional nursing home model where staff always knew best to a far more collaborative balanced model. Residents were provided with their own mini-apartments, surrounded by their own knick-knacks, furniture, paint scheme, a small kitchen, private bathroom and the where-with-all to prepare some of their own food. The whole idea was to encourage as much independence as possible.

My mother-in-law spent her last few years in just such a facility in London, Ont. But despite a large measure of independence she was still required to go down for her main meals at set times and abide by an assigned seating arrangement, and her family was not close by. Loneliness is hard to treat.

Then there's the third way. Some families choose to look after the ill, whatever their needs, at home. I'm sure many of my readers can think of examples where a spouse or a child looked after someone for many months and even several years often with the aid of home care support or live-in help.

What's to be learned from how we look after the elderly these days? Nursing homes, extended care facilities and assisted living facilities vary a great deal in the services they provide, the professionalism of their staff, the sense of worth and humanity they foster, and their cost. We don't live in a society where the elderly are honored or esteemed but one where the elderly and infirm are outsourced to be put out of sight and mind to impersonal nursing homes. Too often they disappear in their last years into facilities where safety and regulations trump independence, a sense of home, regular contact with their family and friends of many years and most importantly, meaning in life. That's one of the reasons why warehousing the elderly in large central facilities is such a dreadful idea. It cuts people off from their roots and much of what made them who they were and became. Planners and investors love these centralized facilities because of economies of scale but is it really what we want for our parents or friends?

For anyone involved in planning nursing homes and assisted living facilities for the elderly, Atul Gawande's award winning, 2014 book, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, should be required reading. He's a very good writer.

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Audition dates for The Little Prince

Niagara's Yellow Door Theatre Project will be holding auditions next month for its December production of *The Little Prince*.

Directed by Molly Atkinson, the original musical version of the classic features music and libretto by Canadian composer Robert Ursan. It will be at FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines Dec. 13 to 18.

Auditions will be held June 4, 5, 16 and 17 at the Yellow Door Theatre rehearsal space at Virgil Public School, 1665 Four Mile Creek Rd. A minimum of 30 performers between the ages of 10 and 18 are required. To register, visit www.yellowdoortheatre.com.

Costco worker injured

The Ministry of Labour was called in to investigate an injury at Costco in St. Catharines Monday afternoon.

Niagara Regional Police said an employee was injured by a vehicle in the store garage.

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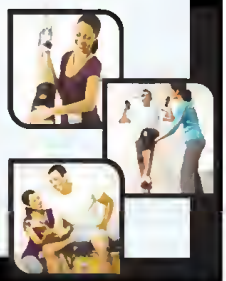

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Tavern Night at Navy Hall Saturday

Ian Bell, a veteran Canadian folk singer and interpreter of traditional music, will be returning to Navy Hall with Pressgang Mutiny, a group of traditional chantey singers from Toronto, for the second annual Tavern Night Saturday.

Hosted by Parks Canada and the Friends of Fort George, the evening will feature ballads, fo'c'sle song, chanteys and jigs from Inland Lakes and the Seven Seas, along with some amazing projections of vintage photographs of early ships and sailors. There will also be a number of musical instruments including accordion, concertina, banjo, guitar and mandolin.

Navy Hall will be decorated for this naval-themed evening, and there will be a small gift shop table set up with proceeds supporting the Friends of Fort George.

The evening will also include Parks Canada costumed interpreters, a cash bar, light fare, door prizes and more.

The Tavern Night is part of a sailors training weekend taking place at Fort George, where naval re-enactors will be drilling and training with pikes and cannons. The fort is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday for this event.

Tickets for the tavern night are $25 per person and can be purchased from the Friends of Fort George by calling 905-468-6621 or by email admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca.

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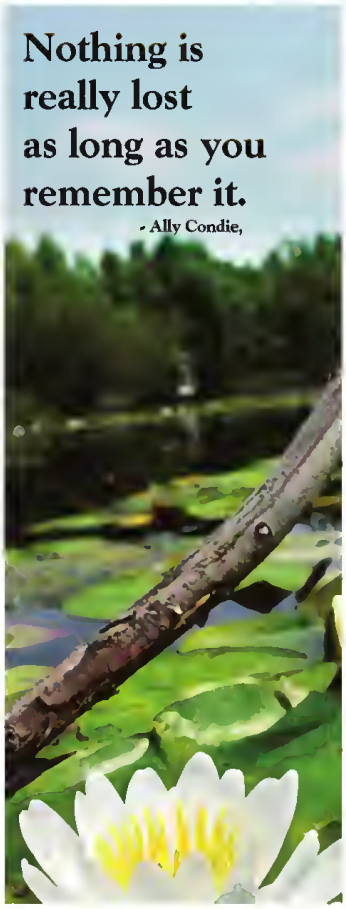

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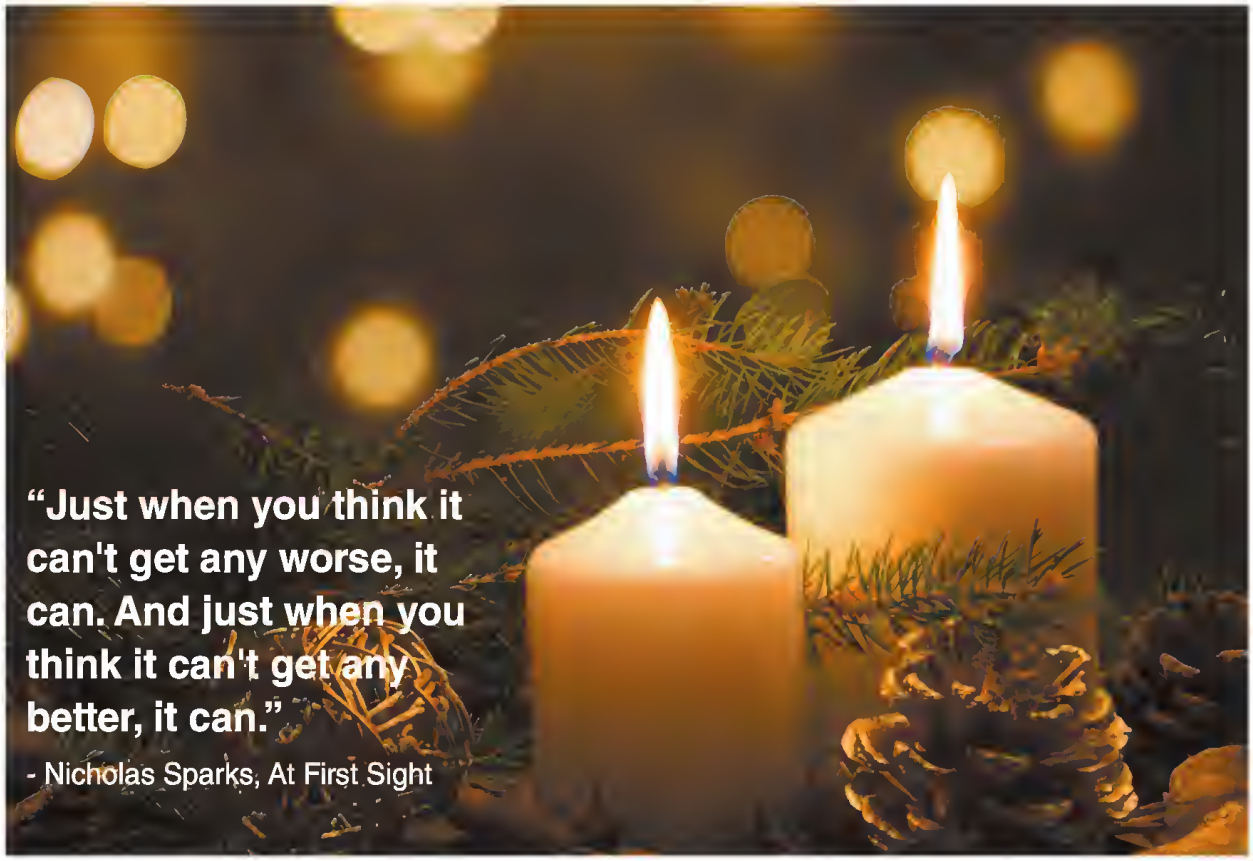

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Thunderhawks remain undefeated

Four games into the season and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Jr. B Thunderhawks Lacrosse Club have yet to taste defeat.

The T-Hawks traveled to Point Edward Sunday and came away with a strong all-around effort in a 7-2 win over the Pacers.

Down 2-1 early in the first period the Thunderhawks, backed by strong goaltending from rookie Tyson McCool, did not allow another goal against.

It was the Zac and Zach show once again with Dubuc and Luis each scoring a pair and adding an assist.

Saul Vanderzalm, Chris Weier and Hunter Lemieux each netted a single with assists going to Matt Mines (two) Lemieux (two), Nathan Maloney and Connor Overstrom.

The team continues its lengthy road trip with stops in Hamilton and Guelph before returning home to the Meridian Credit Union Arena on Monday, May 16 at 8 p.m. when they play the Hamilton Bengals.

The community-based Jr. B Thunderhawks rely on sponsors and gate receipts to keep the not-for-profit organization going - after 10 years of announcing game times on a sign near the arena, Thunderhawks staff has been ordered by the town to remove it. So, organizers ask, tell a friend about the next game and help ensure Niagara-on-the-Lake Jr. B lacrosse will continue in NOTL.

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Richard Coyne, a Communities in Bloom committee member and also a Scouting volunteer, and Nicole Metz who also works with the Scouts, helped plan a tree-planting event in Newark Park Saturday.

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Scouts, Communities in Bloom committee members and volunteers stop their tree-planting for a moment at Newark Park Saturday to wave at a drone filming their efforts.

Scouts, Communities in Bloom volunteers plant trees in Newark Park

With the help of community volunteers, Niagara-on-the-Lake's Communities in Bloom Committee and the St. Davids Scouts planted 100 tree saplings in Newark Park on Lakeshore Road Saturday morning to replace dead and dying ash trees.

This event was made possible through the contributions of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, who donated the trees and provided information and training on proper tree planting techniques.

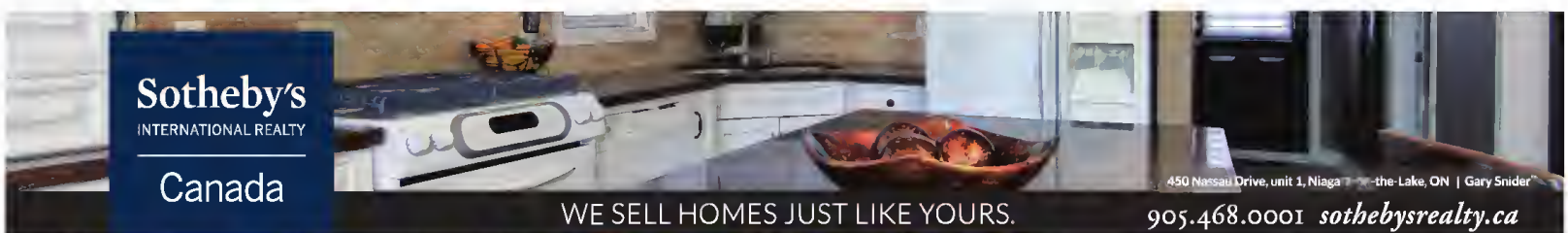
"We are so pleased to have partnered with the St. Davids Scouts on this project," said CIB volunteer Richard Coyne. "It was a great success, and we commend the Scouts for their hard work and dedication in giving back to this community."

Parks Supervisor J.B. Hopkins added, "In light of the destructive effects of the emerald ash borer, the planting of 100 native trees in Newark Park, donated by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, will serve to increase biodiversity, protect wildlife, and make our park a better place for people to experience nature."

"Today's tree planting is an excellent example of the effective cooperation between different local groups to beautify our parks and support the Town's Communities in Bloom efforts," said Tony Chisholm, CIB communications chair.

Communities in Bloom is an organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program. The focus is on enhancing green spaces in communities.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is in its second year participating in the program, which consists of communities being evaluated either provincially, nationally or internationally by a volunteer jury of trained professionals on the accomplishments of their entire community on the following key criteria: tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape, and floral displays.



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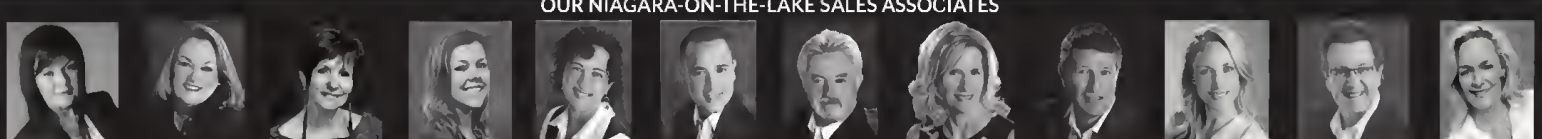

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